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CHINA'S CRISIS.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Peking, Jan. 22nd.

A private wire from Hankow says that the situation has developed very seriously, and that 1,000 British and American men are being evacuated.

"Up to the present there has been no official confirmation of this."

Position More Tense.

LATER
There is no confirmation of the report of the general evacuation of men from Hankow which was widely reported in Peking, yesterday evening, but all indications are that the situation is daily becoming more tense.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

U.S. Minister.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21st.

The growing seriousness of the anti-foreign demonstrations and rioting in China, is the reason given for ordering Mr. MacMurray to return to Peking.

Censored Hankow Messages.

Under date of the 17th inst., Reuter has sent the following report to Shanghai newspapers:

"The following are extracts of telegrams from Reuter's Hankow correspondent which appear to have been censored by the authorities at Hankow:—

"It is felt that another crisis is likely to work up in the course of a few days, when the economic effect of the closing down of the British banks and hong companies will be felt. The British community appear to be determined to sit tight and not budge an inch until permanent amelioration of present conditions is forthcoming."

"The majority of the British residents at Hankow are still housed at the 'Plaza,' at the A.P.C. building is factiously termed. In this improvised citadel they are living under wartime conditions, subsisting on Navy rations and sleeping wherever they find space. A privileged few have been given permanent passes but the remainder are not permitted to leave the building only for specified intervals."

"Foreigners arriving from Kiang state that the mob there looted many foreign houses, including that of the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, an Italian. Soldiers finished the job."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Shanghai Meeting: Suggested Propaganda in England.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21st.

A largely attended meeting of British subjects was held this evening which fully supported a plea by Mr. Bruce Lockhart for propaganda in England with reference to the situation in China.

Those present were asked to take steps to inform the people at home of the real state of affairs in China, the suggestion being that leading residents of Shanghai should draw up a considered statement which should be sent to the Press and Members of Parliament and others.

During the course of the proceeding a missionary stated that there were many missionaries who did not agree with the National Christian Council.

No Change in British Policy.

LONDON, Jan. 21st.

The Foreign Office in an official communiqué of the naval and military dispositions in connection with the Chinese situation, says they are precautionary and that sensational announcements regarding them are to be deprecated and disregarded.

The sole object is to enable the Government to fulfil its elementary duty of protecting the lives of British subjects whose safety is in their charge, if such protection proved necessary. Undertakings to that effect were given in the last session of Parliament by the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary.

There had been no modification whatsoever of the legitimate aspirations of Chinese Nationalism as clearly laid down in the Memorandum upon Chinese policy issued by His Majesty's Government last Christmas. On the contrary, conversations were progressing at Hankow and Peking, which, if successful, would go far towards implementing the concessions the Government was willing to make with the object of placing our relations with China upon an equitable and, it was hoped, mutually profitable basis. The Government hopes that these conversations will lead to a friendly settlement of all the questions in dispute.

Cabinet Meetings.

LONDON, Jan. 21st.

Mr. Winston Churchill is proceeding to London as soon as possible in order to participate in Ministerial consultations being held next week in connection with the situation in China.

Mr. Churchill intended to visit Egypt, but it is understood that the visit has been abandoned.

From Comment.

LONDON, Jan. 21st.

Congratulating the Government on its policy in China, as outlined in the British Memorandum of December 13th, the *Spectator* says it is certain that the Government intends to continue along the present lines, but it points out that the problem in Shanghai is very different from Hankow. The *Spectator* sums up the present policy as, firstly, to avoid any conflict with the various armies engaged in the Chinese civil war; secondly, to rely tentatively on Shanghai's ability to look after its own safety from mob violence; and, thirdly, to have enough ships handy to land and evacuate the perils at Shanghai become worse than seems likely.

In the meantime, no doubt that further efforts will be made to convince the Cantonese Government of the simple truth that Britain is anxious to go very far along the road of conciliation, but cannot give what it is ready to give if it encounters violence without reason and intrigue.

The *Saturday Review* also refers to the British Memorandum opinion that the one mistake was that its issue was too long delayed, and that this is only remediable by unwavering fidelity to a policy of moderation.

Missionaries Reach Canton.
Chinese reports from Canton state that students in various parts of the province are stirring up anti-foreign and anti-Christian troubles, but that the movement is at present solely confined to extremists.

Recently, a large number of foreign and Chinese missionaries, as well as educational workers, have arrived in Canton from North River districts, where there has been a good deal of anti-Christian agitation by Peasant Volunteers and other organisations. In many cases, plundering of churches have been reported. On Thursday there was an unusually large influx of missionaries from these districts, and there were busy scenes at the Yue-Han Railway Station as these people, with their families and baggage arrived.

Mr. Bridgeman's Statement.

LONDON, Jan. 22nd.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, at Belfast, said the standard of naval efficiency now set was one below which Britain could not possibly afford to go, and it was a modest standard.

As regards China, Mr. Bridgeman declared the Government had stated plainly its readiness to consider the Chinese great aspirations; but it had a duty there as all over the world, namely, to use the Navy to protect British life and interests.

British Admiralty and China.

LONDON, Jan. 22nd.

Speaking at Belfast, Mr. Walter Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, referred to the situation in China as it affected the British Navy. He said:

"China has no government to which you could turn as representing the whole of the country. The nation is torn by internal dissensions which are very hard to follow on this side of the globe. She has, or some of her representatives have, legitimate aspirations for greater freedom and greater efficiency."

"The British Government has said quite plainly that we are quite ready to consider the great aspirations of China. But we have a duty to perform, there as all over the world, and that is to use our Navy for the protection of British life and of British interests."

"If we had not taken some steps such as we had taken to put ourselves in a position of protecting life and protecting the men who are working and following their lawful pursuits under the existing treaties of China, we would have been condemned by our fellow citizens for not having taken that protection. What we wish to use our Navy for is the maintenance of the peace of the world."

Britain's Generous Spirit.

BURST, Jan. 22nd.

The Earl of Onslow, Under-Secretary for War, addressing a meeting at Guildford, after repeating that the Government's action in sending ships and Marines to the Far East showed an aggressive intention said:

"We have made it plain that we cannot make concessions to force, but if the Chinese will meet us in the same frank and generous spirit in which we are prepared to meet them, the Chinese will find that this country is not only willing but ready to go a long way to meet them."

Much good to both nations might come of the negotiations now proceeding at Hankow. We were prepared to go further to meet the Chinese than some people might think altogether wise at the present juncture, but complete success depended on Chinese good will.

Labour Leader's Views.

LONDON, Jan. 22nd.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, in a letter to the *Daily Herald* stating his views regarding the settlement of armed forces in China says that precautions must be taken until negotiations have relieved the dangers, but the precautions can easily be overcome and may produce the very situation that will in time be used as a need for their employment.

Nobody should welcome more than Mr. Eugene Chen the precautions which are no menace to him but which will ensure tranquillity and prevent his hands being forced by those who would like to fight.

(Continued on next column.)

SALT GABELLE.

BIG DECREASE IN REVENUE.

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, January 22nd.

The total Salt Revenue credited in the Group of Banks, after deducting administrative expenses, amounted to \$84,887,000, showing a decrease of \$9,347,000 as compared with 1925, and also a serious decrease as compared with former years since 1915.

A Statement.

An official statement says that the decrease is due to disorganisation of railways and the commandeering of other means of transport for military operations, and military interference with the Salt Administration in the majority of the Provinces. Of the above sum, \$37,385,000 represents forcible retentions made by local authorities without the consent of the Central Government and \$10,283,000 retentions with the consent of the Central Government. The amount of revenue thus retained does not include the revenue retained by the Kwangtung and Kansu authorities. The former not only prevented the reopening of the Canton and Swatow offices but caused the closure at Nankai. At the end of the year the whole of the revenue was being retained by local authorities except part from Shansi, Changlin and Shantung.

Foreign Obligations.

The actual amount released for the general purposes of the Chinese Government amounted to \$8,568,000 as compared with \$32,935,000 in 1925. \$9,072,000 was paid on account of foreign obligations secured on the Salt Administration. The yearly service of the Reorganisation Loan of 1913 was paid by the Salt Gabelle and subsequently refunded by the Customs. Owing to prevailing conditions the reserve in the group of Banks could not be maintained at the usual \$7,000,000, but at the end of the year amounted to \$4,850,000.

SHANGHAI TRAMWAY STRIKE.

A NANKING ROAD INCIDENT.

POLICE USE BATONS.

SHANGHAI, January 22nd.
An encounter between the tramway strikers and police took place this evening in Nanking Road, when the strikers attempted to block a street intersection by pushing a tram without current there.

The police appeared on the scene dispersing the tramway strikers with a baton charge in which several strikers were injured but not seriously.

The situation at present is quiet.

Bus Men Join Strike.

SHANGHAI, January 22nd.
The tram workers who have been striking for four days were to-day joined by three hundred motor-men and conductors of the Shanghai Omnibus Company, who state that they have been intimidated by the strike strikers.

Foreign volunteer drivers have been obtained and a few buses were running this afternoon.

BELGIUM AND CHINA.

THE HAGUE, January 22nd.

In response to Belgium's request that it should meet China's wishes, the Permanent Court has extended until May 25th, the time allowed China for filing a counter case as regards denunciation of the 1905 treaty.

The suit, however, will be ready for hearing at the Court's ordinary session on January 15th.

The court intimated to both Governments that the extension involves extension of the period in which the special measures provided by the Court's order of January 8th for the protection of Belgians will be applicable.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

DEAN INGE'S BRIGHT SUGGESTION.

ROCHESTER, January 22nd.
Dr. Inge, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, has made a novel proposal that medical men should speak from the pulpit of the Cathedral.

He considers that the doctors are bound too much by professional etiquette and should enlighten the public more.

Lessons Of History.

Mr. MacDonald fears that the limits of wisdom are being exceeded and that Mr. Chen may think the forces are being gathered as a British fleet in Disraeli's time was sent to Benke Bay, but he does not believe that is Sir Austen Chamberlain's intention, though programmes of action have an unfortunate habit of setting intentions aside.

Mr. MacDonald finally asks the Labour movement to keep in touch with Mr. Chen as well as with its own Government and to plead very strongly with both sides to negotiate before using force.

American Marines.

WASHINGTON, January 22nd.
A detachment of marines at Guam has been ordered to the Philippines in order to be nearer to China in the event of an emergency.

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GERMAN POLITICS.

DR. MARX'S DIFFICULT TASK.

FRANCE UNEASY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, January 21st.

The Centre Party has authorised Dr. Marx to negotiate and form a non-Socialist Cabinet, including the German-Nationals.

PARIS, January 21st.

President Hindenburg's sharp turn of the helm to the right has filled the French press with uneasy forebodings.

The *Temps* says that the advent of a Rightist Government will really endanger the peace policy of Locarno and Geneva.

The *Journal Des Debats* writes that President Hindenburg's action places the question of German disarmament, which is now before the Conference of Ambassadors, on a new plane and the conference must decide accordingly.

BRITISH TRADES UNIONISM.

AN IMPORTANT TEST ACTION.

USE OF UNION FUNDS.

LONDON, January 21st.

A test action of considerable importance to Trades Unionism was decided in the Chancery Court to-day by Mr. Justice Eve.

Mr. Forster brought an action against the Shop Assistants Union, of which he is a member, to restrain it from applying the general funds of the Union to further political objects and, in particular, from paying contributions to the Trades Union Congress so long as that body expended its funds in furtherance of political objects.

Counsel for the plaintiff, stated that the Registrar of Friendly Societies had been asked to give his decision on the issue and the Registrar had given a judgment that objects which were complained of as being political were not political within the meaning of Trades Union law. Plaintiff denied the plea of the defendant Union that the decision of the Registrar, having been sought and obtained in accordance with Trades Union law, the matter was *res judicata*.

Mr. Justice Eve found for the defendant Union. He held that the Registrar contemplated that a matter of this kind should be determined by the Registrar of Friendly Societies. It did not contemplate that a member of a Trade Union, having failed to convince the Registrar, could report to the Court. The legislature, as a rule, discouraged interference by a Court in the domestic administration of corporations and similar bodies. It also recognised that the dividing line between social and political matters would be very indistinct. The distinction must be decided by the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

The result of the case was loudly cheered by the Conference of Trades Union Executives, who were dealing with the action of the Trades Union Congress in regard to the general strike.

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WUHAN CHRISTIANS' MANIFESTO.

AMAZING DOCUMENT OF THE CHINA
CONTINUATION COMMITTEE.

FRIENDSHIP FOR THE ANTI-CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

"PRO-FOREIGN MISSIONARIES UNWANTED."

The following document whose main points are set out below, says the North-China Daily News, has been issued by the China Continuation Committee, Wuhan, a body allied to the National Christian Council, Shanghai. Its personnel is Chinese, but we are informed that foreign missionaries were present at the meeting at which the draft manifesto was submitted. We do not know whether they approved the sense of the document or protested it as to be hoped they did the latter.

Fellow Christians of the Whole Nation:

We are all a part of the nation of the Chinese Republic. Owing to the dissatisfaction concerning the old traditional ethics we have become followers of Christianity. But, as it was transplanted from other nations and unfortunately it has in its history become identified with imperialism, much misunderstanding has developed. Now as we stand under the flag of "Blue sky and White sun" as a free people, we are no longer oppressed by the old conception which insisted that the Church should have nothing to do with politics, and we have come to realize our duty in the big mission before us for the salvation of our nation. We therefore beg to clearly express our attitude in the following:

Declaration of Belief.

We believe the National Revolution under the leadership of the Kuomintang is an immense moral force which stands for the salvation of our country and our people. For this reason, we, as a whole, support the Nationalist Government, assist the National Revolutionary Army, and believe that the "Three People's Principles," the "Outline for the Development of China," and the internal and foreign policy and programme of the Kuomintang Party present the only scheme for the emancipation of our nation. We also volunteer to participate in the People's Revolutionary Movement.

Jesus founded His religion on the spirit of liberty, love, sacrifice and service. Originally He was a great revolutionary force. In the past not a few of our fellow Christians devoted their lives to revolutionary work. Some of them initiated the movement, and others sacrificed their lives for the cause; and even now we have no small number of Christians who are either leaders in the National Government or officers in the army or connected with other lines of revolutionary work. We recognize them as the best example of real Christians.

Imperialism The Worst Enemy.

We are also conscious of the fact that imperialism is not only the worst enemy of our people and our country, but it is also the worst enemy of Christianity. Most recently Christianity and its work became the target of open attack by the imperialists in their hands on the ground that the church furnished the dynamic of anti-imperialism and of the movement of revolution in China. This shows that imperialism, both in its nature and history, is fundamentally out of harmony with Christianity and is therefore our worst enemy.

The N.C.C. Our Friend.

We are very happy to know that the National Christian Council has passed a resolution in favour of the abolition of "unequal treaties." We as a whole support this resolution. We don't want Christianity to be built on the foundation of the gunboat policy. Neither do we wish to see the spreading of the Gospel dependent upon the backing of any military force. The nature of the policy of aggression and military force is fundamentally contrary to the principle of Christianity.

Should there be any foreign missionaries who love their own countries more than they love Christ and who are unwilling to help us in our National Revolution of the moment, we wish them to go back to their own countries as soon as possible.

With regard to the question of rehabilitation of educational rights we as a whole pledge our support and our best efforts for its success. We will bring all Christian schools under the management of the Chinese Christians, subject to the regulations of the Chinese Government, everything concerning the administration and the curricula of these schools to be in accordance with the educational system of the Chinese Government.

"Our Candid Friend."

Finally we wish to speak a few words in regard to the Anti-Christian Movement, which is prompted by some of our fellow countrymen. The make-up and quality of Christianity are very complicated. It cannot help having some reactionary elements. During its history it has acquired certain rituals and forms that are not quite suited to the nature of the Chinese people; and furthermore there are also bad elements in the Church who do not live up to the standards of the Church, thus becoming a disgrace to the whole religion. Meantime we admit our weakness and our sins. We also admit that there are the inevitable shortcomings of every big organization. The first thing that Jesus the founder of our re-

ligion taught was that we must repent. So we recognize Anti-Christians and, with regard to their criticism we hold the spirit of an ancient teacher who said "If you have blundered you must try harder."

We are closely watched by those outside. Inside the Church we are prompted by a desire to save the nation and the world. We will bend every effort to work for the reformation of Christianity. On the negative side we will improve the ritual, theology, organization and methods of the Church; on the positive side we will make our religion a religion which is suitable to the spirit of our nation and the lives of our people. At the same time we will do our best to preserve religious liberty. We will never give up the faith which gave us peace of heart and the courage of life no matter what oppression or persecution comes from military powers or political authorities. We wish to be like Cromwell who saved his nation through his religion. We will never be like Judas who betrayed his Lord for his own benefit.

AMERICAN REFUGEES FROM KULING.

A THOROUGHLY UNPLEASANT
EXPERIENCE.

MOLESTED BY COOLIES ON
THE BUND.

In spite of the promise of the local magistrate at Kuling that Americans would be in no danger if they remained, 46 of the American community there, which represents all but one man, left on last Friday (says the N.C. Daily News of January 19th) according to Mr. F. E. Jordan, a teacher in the Kuling American School.

The evacuation of Kuling by Americans took place two days after the British community had left. Mr. Jordan explained that even prior to the evacuation of Britons the magistrates had urged foreigners not to be unduly alarmed and to remain in Kuling as he would be able to afford them protection.

The Usual Soviet Agitator.

Local Chinese were described as being not unfriendly to foreigners, although the first sign of anti-British feeling began to manifest itself shortly before the evacuation, when a Russian appeared on the mountain and instituted an anti-foreign propaganda campaign. On Thursday afternoon, January 13th, however, a wire was received from Kuling that the American community be prepared to leave by Friday morning.

A Mob Gathers.

The first group to evacuate, consisting of teachers from the school and their children and a few pupils, numbered 18.

Chair coolies, although not averse to a little profiteering in the stress of the evacuation, were obtained, and the party with hand luggage arrived at the village at the foot of the mountain where motor buses for Kuling were to have been boarded. They waited there, however, about an hour, at the end of which time the remainder of the Kuling Americans arrived. When the two or three hundred Chinese who composed a rapidly gathering mob saw that the foreigners were in a tight place and that they wanted to get away as soon as possible, they began their customary "scams" of extorting money. It was that time well after dark and men and children in the party were all hustled into a building while the men remained outside to complete what arrangements they could for getting away.

Women And Children Robbed And Bullied.

A military escort supplied by the local magistrate did nothing towards holding the mob in check and their chief virtue was that they themselves did not join in the petty thieving which went on. Things which were carried in the hands and articles of clothing, etc., were torn off the ladies in the party because they found shelter inside. The temper of the crowd became steadily worse, and from pinching pulling of hair and similar indignities done to the women and children they began to molest the men. Their main demand was for money, of course, and the foreigners found themselves in the position of having used up most of their ready cash in paying off chair coolies who were making exorbitant demands.

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THE ANNUAL RACES.

FULL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS TO
BE OBSERVED.

The Government Gazette contains full regulations to be observed by traffic during the days fixed for the annual race meeting at Wong Nei Chong.

The following are the regulations which will be in force:

I.—All Vehicles going to the Races at Wong Nei Chong will proceed via Queen's Road East, Morrison Gap Road, Morrison Hill Road, Leighton Hill Road and round the Happy and Wong Nei Chong Road to the entrance gates up to 3 p.m. Vehicles will return to town via Morrison Hill Road, Wanchai Road and Praya East.

After 3 p.m. vehicles proceeding to the Race Course will proceed via Queen's Road East, Arsenal Street, Praya East, Percival Street, and Wong Nei Chong Road. Vehicles returning from the Races will proceed via Morrison Gap Road and Queen's Road East.

II.—Passengers will alight from and board Tram-cars at:—(1) the main Public entrance gate and (2) the members entrance gate only.

III.—Trucks and persons carrying large burdens will not be permitted West of Percival Street or East of Murray Road between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

IV.—Pedestrians must walk on the footpaths, and not on the Roadway.

V.—Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.

VI.—Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.

VII.—Owners of dogs are requested not to allow their dogs to go near the Race Course. In the circumstances mentioned in Ordinance 1 of 1925, section 16 subsection 3, stray dogs may be destroyed by the Police.

NOTE.—There will be one way traffic only in Queen's Road East from Arsenal Street to the Monument from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. The one way traffic will run from West to East from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from East to West from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

The military escort were not slow in exacting their toll also. In fact the situation went rapidly from bad to worse before arrangements were finally completed for sending the women and children via the bus to Kiukiang and then followed and arrived in Kiukiang about 1 a.m. where more trouble was encountered as it was necessary to pay the bus fares with cheque.

Trouble With The Coolies.

Shortly before daylight the party arrived in the Kiukiang Concession where a launch from the U.S.S. Penguin was awaiting them. Alert coolies, however, refused to permit the party to use a sampan without buying it, and more threatening attitudes were struck. Finally the launch from the Penguin towed one of the cruiser's private sampans to within a short distance of the shore and the men in the party flung off their coats and waded out to meet this sampan. The ladies and children were safely deposited in this manner and the sampan shoved off on its last trip after 8.10 had been given to the coolies to stop molesting it. The refugees remained on the Penguin until later in the morning when they joined the str. Suwei to proceed to Shanghai.



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"SYMPATHY AND SERVICE FOR OTHERS."

SIR JOSEPH KEMP'S ADDRESS TO PUPILS.

The importance of character building, the rendering of service to others, and the desire to understand and sympathize with others' point of view in a torn and battered world, were the main points in the address of the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C. (the Attorney-General) at the annual prize distribution, which he performed on Saturday evening, in connection with St. Paul's College.

The event drew a large attendance of parents and friends of the pupils of the College, and the function took place in the College grounds.

Prior to the distribution of prizes and certificates won during the past year, an entertainment comprising Chinese music, exhibitions of Chinese boxing, and a Chinese play "Co-operation," was given.

Mr. Chiu Sheng, who acted as M.C., opened the proceedings by delivering a happy little speech in Chinese which he then repeated in English. On behalf of the College, he welcomed the visitors whose presence was indeed a source of gratification to them. With regard to the evening's entertainment, he expressed the thanks of the pupils to the staff for the encouragement and help they had received, and returned thanks to the past pupils of the College who had been kind enough to be there that night to take part in the programme.

Mr. Chiu Sheng's address was much appreciated by the audience who deservedly applauded him. There were present on the platform for the prize distribution, Dr. S. W. Tso (senior Chinese member of the College Council), the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, and the Rev. A. D. Stewart (Principal of the College).

Dr. Tso's Welcome.

Dr. Tso, who presided, said that before he asked the Principal to read his report he would like to say a few words of welcome to their old friend Sir Joseph Kemp, and thank him for coming to distribute the prizes. Sir Joseph needed no introduction from him. He was well known to everyone in Hong Kong and his kindly and genial disposition had endeared him to everyone who had come in contact with him. Only two years ago he took a seat on St. Paul's College Council, but on account of his onerous duties as Attorney-General Sir Joseph was obliged to resign.

An Interesting Report.

A very interesting report for 1926 of what has been accomplished at the College, and a review of the many activities engaged in, was read by the Rev. A. D. Stewart.

The past year may be described as a period of reconstruction. In September 1926 we had only 233 on the register, but we are now approaching the four hundred figure, which is as many as the school can hold comfortably.

The attendance has been good, 28 students having completed a year's unbroken attendance. Owing to the drop in our numbers in 1925 our results in the Matriculation and Senior Local examinations for the past two years have not been up to our previous standard. This year we had eight entries, of whom four passed. Sure Man Chun, being awarded the coveted Distinction in English. In the Junior Local fourteen passed out of the twenty-five, all but two passing in English. On December 1st the Inspector of English Schools visited us, and he reports that he was very pleased with the work and discipline, and that the full grant was recommended.

In Sports.

In football we have so far played eight matches, won four, lost two and drawn two. The want of a ground for regular practice has been a great handicap. In the inter-school volleyball competition we won the championship in the junior division, and were fourth in the senior division. Several matches were played against visiting teams. In the basketball competition we were third in both divisions of the league. Tennis, we are glad to note, is taking a more prominent part in the athletic life of the College. The entry for the annual tournament was much larger than in previous years. The tennis team played five matches during the season. As in past years, inter-house or inter-group matches were played in volleyball and basketball.

Character Building.

But it is not in scholastic success only nor in athletics that we lay the greatest emphasis, but on character building. In my report for 1921 I said, "We feel most strongly here that knowledge, let loose without the restraint of morality and religion, constitutes one of the greatest dangers to present day society." and I submit that the events happening around us to-day are a true commentary upon these words. Hence we feel that too much emphasis cannot be laid upon such character building as may produce the best citizens—character building on the lines of the most perfect life ever lived. No compulsion is put on anyone to study the Bible; neither promotion nor rewards are dependent upon it, yet we meet with no objection to the daily study of the Bible and indeed, ninety-two have become voluntary readers of the Scriptures out of school hours.

Practical Service.

Such study must have its outlet in practical service, and the students are encouraged to express their religious beliefs in service for others. They have again subscribed towards two free schools for poor children; they have themselves taught a free night school carried on in these premises; during the summer holidays they had classes for poor children, teaching them book-study, hand-work and games; the senior Christian boys have been going weekly to help in the Preaching Hall in the heart of the city; others have taken a share in Sunday School and other Church activities. The outcome of such work is that we now have Old Boys scattered over the world living their lives on these same lines of useful service for others. One has recently been working among the Chinese in New Zealand; another in a Chinese Church in Melbourne; yet another has just gone to do Church work in Borneo; while many others are scattered about the educational institutions of China. Several are preparing for the Ministry in the Theological College in Canton and another expects to join them shortly, making the seventh from this school to offer for this work.

Staff of College.

In all these activities the Staff of the College has played an important part, both by example and precept, and year by year we feel how increasing a debt we owe to the patient, loyal efforts of the Staff in promoting all that is best for the work.

There have been changes during the year, and we have had regretfully to part with Mr. and Mrs. Beecher. We also lost Mr. Ho K. Lau who as Physics master and joint Sports master, was deservedly popular. Others who left during the year were Messrs. Wong Chi Tung, U Wing Chan and Li Chung Fong. In their places we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Gubbins and Messrs. Yuen Wui Ping, Chung Tak Kwong and Chue Hau Cheung.

Congratulations On Honour.

To-night we heartily welcome Sir Joseph Kemp, and would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the school of offering our sincere congratulations on the honour so recently conferred on him by His Majesty the King. His presence here to-night is another proof of the interest in the College which he has shown for many years as a member of the College Council.

It is a privilege to be quite so arduous as that of his predecessors, as we have practically done away with the system of awarding prizes, and are presenting certificates instead. These certificates for school work, however, are worth a good deal more than the paper on which they are written, for they represent scholarships which are awarded in each class. For some years past we have had the Lander Scholarship, the capital sum of which was subscribed by the Old Boys in memory of the years that Bishop Lander was Warden of St. Paul's College, and this Scholarship has been divided between the two candidates who secure the highest marks in five chief subjects in the University Junior Local. This Scholarship has proved of great value in assisting boys to continue their studies, and we have now extended the system throughout the school.

The vernacular studies have not been neglected, and to-night seven students will receive certificates, having passed out of the fourth year Middle School, which is the highest grade on the vernacular side.

The Vernacular Staff may also be congratulated in that in the recent University Local, not a single candidate failed in Chinese. In conclusion I should like to wish the whole Staff and College a very happy holiday. Seldom has there been a happier or better time in the school. All have worked well and fully deserve a good holiday.

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"SUNNING" PIRACY
TRIAL.

THE COMPRAPORE GIVES EVIDENCE.

MONEY IN THE SHIP'S SAFE.

Saturday was the fifth day of the trial of the ten Chinese held on charges arising out of the piracy of the a.s. *Sunning*. The case is being heard at the Supreme Court before the Puisne Judge—(Mr. Justice J. R. Wood).

Further evidence was called in support of the Crown case, which is being conducted by the Assistant Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. B. Nihill).

When the Court adjourned at 11.15, over half of the 63 witnesses for the Crown had been called.

Several witnesses are absent from the Colony, and their depositions made at the Magistrate's are to be read. As indicated on Friday, the Crown case is to conclude to-day, his Lordship having intimated that he proposes to sit late if necessary. To-morrow morning will be devoted to legal argument, and the case for the defence is likely to open in the afternoon.

Wun Kam Cheun, a student, said that he occupied cabin No. 13. Witness identified the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prisoners. The 1st was seen by witness counting money which was placed in a rattan basket (produced and identified). The 2nd prisoner was the man who searched witness person. The man was armed with a rifle.

Continuing, witness said that at mid-night he was driven up to the upper deck with a number of other passengers. When firing commenced witness escaped by hiding in an empty cabin.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, witness said that he remembered the pirates leaving the ship and saw the life-boat lowered.

Money In The Safe.

The No. 1 compardore of the *Sunning* said that twenty-three passengers embarked at Amoy, all of whom were males.

Witness went on to say that he was working in his cabin when the piracy commenced. In his safe, the door of which was open, there was \$500 odd in Hong Kong currency and \$2,800 odd in Shanghai currency. Witness realised that the ship was in the hands of pirates and became very frightened, running to the forecastle where he blackened his face, changed his clothes and hid among the crew. Witness remained there until the morning.

Mr. Nihill: You realised that, being the ship's compardore, the pirates would like to see you?—Yes.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said that he did not know the exact total of the *Sunning's* crew.

The 2nd compardore said he was taken to the previous witness's cabin where he found that the safe had been ransacked. He identified a cardigan jacket which had been stolen from his cabin by the pirates. The hearing was adjourned until this morning.

Sir Joseph Kemp.

Addressing the assembly, Sir Joseph said that in the first place he wished to thank Mr. Stewart for honouring him with the invitation to present the prizes. It was always a great pleasure to renew acquaintance with St. Paul's College. Sir Joseph went on to say how much he appreciated the reference to the recent honour that had been conferred upon him. (Applause.)

Work And Sympathy.

"I particularly wish to congratulate Mr. Stewart upon his school and the scholars upon having Mr. Stewart as their headmaster. Mr. Stewart has built up a school of which the scholars may well be proud. I was particularly interested in Mr. Stewart's reference to the service you are rendering to others. It fits in with what I had in my mind to mention. The world is torn and battered by strife; we are living in a harder world than we lived in when I was a boy. The chief things needed are work and sympathy, and we must all work hard to repair the damage done during recent years. We must have the desire to understand others' point of view as well as the desire to help, and whether we are Christians or not, we can all learn something from Christianity; we can learn the Golden Rule and learn to sympathise with others."

"Some of you boys may influence the future of this Colony, or China, or even the world in general, and if you keep Christian ideals before you, you will at least leave a little part of the world a little better for having lived in it. (Applause.)"

Sir Joseph concluded by wishing the staff and students of the College a happy holiday.

Prize Distribution.

Sir Joseph then distributed prizes and certificates in connection with class scholarship prizes, the Lander Scholarship, the Head of the School, special prizes for unbroken attendance, the Chung Hawk Certificate, and medals to the Volleyball Champion Team for 1926.

Cheers for Sir Joseph concluded the proceedings.

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"RIGOLETTO"

"Rigoletto" is not the greatest of operas. In fact there are a good many rather dull patches and a weak opening. It contains, however, a number of "gems," one great part—that of course which gives the opera its name—and a really fine finish. There was quite a good audience at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on Saturday, when this piece was presented, and a thoroughly appreciative one, unstinting in applause. And they had every reason to be pleased, for Signora V. Scamuzzi, in the name part, sang and acted magnificently. It is, in fact, surprising that his powers have not brought him a great success in his profession. The other two leading roles were extremely well taken. Mademoiselle Carsuta has a strong, well practised voice. One or two of the more difficult passages, and mighty difficult they are, were just beyond her but her duets with Signora Scamuzzi and the pathetic finale were a delight to hear. The leading tenor, Signor A. Bellotti, after a slight uncertainty at the commencement sang with great power and at times real beauty, his "In donna, c'è mobile," the finest thing in the opera being accorded long and spontaneous applause. Signori Mancini and Bellotti two very fine singers had to be content with the small parts of Sparafucile and Count Montecarlo, and Mlle. G. Ciampaglia took Maddalena with vivacity and charm. Mention must be made of the small but well drilled chorus, and with all this talent on the stage it was a pity that the orchestra was weak.

Yesterday afternoon the "Barber of Seville" was played, "Carmen" being given in the evening. To-night the Company give "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana" and to-morrow they finish their all too short season with "Traviata."

Opera Production: Need For An Overhaul.

Opera is an artistic anomaly. It is neither drama, which seeks to reflect life, nor is it purely a production of music. At Covent Garden your real music lover treats it as music and can be found stretched out face downwards on benches at the back of the gallery, the best place acoustically in the house, and where the stoutness of the tenor and the stiff formal acting do not obtrude.

Probably the average touring company would do better if they dressed more simply and if they played before plain curtains instead of shabby and inadequate palace interiors. Opera is in any case a world of its own, very far from reality, and correct reproduction of period costume and setting is not necessary. Actually it is aimed at but, not secured, and it would be better if some simpler convention were adopted. One detail, Signora Scamuzzi was hampered by every now and then remembering that he was playing a hunchback. Far better if he had forgotten that unimportant detail and stood up to his full imposing height.

Opera production needs taking very seriously in hand. The singers are generally good and their material excellent, but it does need better and more intelligent presentation. What can be done in the way of staging at Covent Garden or the Grand Opera at Paris looks ridiculous at Kowloon and the difficulty is not at all insuperable. Perhaps Carpi's company will show the way in breaking away from a number of outworn and tedious conventions.

PAINFUL WELCOME FOR A BANISHEE.

BIRCH AND PRISON.

THIRTEENTH OFFENDER THIS YEAR.

Another Chinese was charged with returning from banishment, before Mr. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy on Friday morning.

Sub-Inspector Vincent, prosecuting, said that the defendant was the thirteenth man that had returned to the Colony this year before the expiration of his terms. The defendant was sent to prison for three months and six weeks in 1925, and he was also banished for ten years.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and twenty strokes with the birch, and Mr. Lindell ordered that he serve an additional three months, if unfit to receive the birch.

SPECIAL POLICE VIGILANCE.

TO COPE WITH NEW YEAR'S CRIME.

FLYING SQUAD AND C.I.D. MEN OUT.

As the Chinese New Year is fast approaching and money is getting tighter each day, foot-pads and petty thieves are showing more than their usual activity. The Police are therefore being particularly watchful in order to cope with and prevent crime.

Detectives of the Criminal Investigation Department are out on patrols, and the Flying Squad of Volunteer motor-cyclists is on search duty at night.

PUNJABIS LEAVE FOR SHANGHAI.

EMBARKATION ON THE "GLENOGLE" LAST EVENING.

TROOP MOVEMENTS IN ENGLAND.

FIVE MORE REGIMENTS UNDER ORDERS FOR CHINA.

There were many rumours in circulation yesterday regarding troop movements. They possibly arose from the fact that the 5/8 Punjab had been ordered to Shanghai as a precautionary measure. The Punjab embarked on the *Glenogle* last evening. Roster states that the Durham Light Infantry, the Gloucestershires and the 4th Batt. of the 12th Punjab are leaving for China, and that the 1st Batt. of the Middlesex Regiment, the Camerons, and the Green Howards are standing by for orders.

Chinese Press reports state that the Southerners are retiring from Hangchow to Chuchow, which indicates that they have met with defeat at the hands of Sun Chuan Fang.

DEPARTURE OF THE PUNJABIS.

400 OFFICERS AND MEN.

Four hundred men of the 5/8 Punjab, stationed at Hong Kong, embarked on the *Glenogle* at 10 o'clock last night for Shanghai. The officers who have left include:

Lieut.-Col. V. Coates.
Capt. M. Middleton.
Capt. F. G. Beavis.
Capt. R. S. Little.
Capt. R. J. Hawthorne.
Lieut. G. M. S. Webb.

PREPARATIONS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, January 23rd.

British troops ordered to China include the Durham Light Infantry, who are embarking on January 18th, and also the Gloucestershires and the 4th Battalion of the 12th Punjab.

The newspapers report that the 1st Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment and the Camerons, stationed at Calverley Camp, are standing by for orders to proceed to China. All ranks have been recalled from leave.

Similar orders have been received by the Green Howards at Richmond, Yorkshire. *Reuter.*

WAR OFFICE STATEMENT.

LONDON, January 22nd.

The War Office statement says that the four battalions put under orders to proceed to England to China will be brought up to the Colonial establishment by the addition of certain men from section A of the Army Reserve who were warned not to join until called up individually by name.

Men in Sections B and D are not being called up.
Section A consists of men who accepted liability to return to the colours during the first two years of reserve service in circumstances which do not render general mobilization necessary.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ONLY.

LONDON, January 23rd.

A high ministerial authority completely denied that yesterday's hurried meeting of the Cabinet was due to the receipt of bad news from China. It is understood that no important news has been received during the last 48 hours from Sir Miles Lampson and Mr. O'Malley.

A responsible informant, reiterating that the Naval and Military dispositions are precautionary, said that it is useless to wait until there has been unfortunate incidents, perhaps involving bloodshed, before precautions are taken, but it cannot be too strong emphasised that

CANTON WITHOUT SATURDAY'S NEWSPAPERS.

PRINTERS' STRIKE FOR BOLSHEVİK HOLIDAYS.

HOTEL SERVANTS QUANDARY.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Notwithstanding the protest of Canton newspapers against the inclusion of Soviet holidays in the Kuomintang red-letter days, the printers of the city, who are mostly friendly to the extreme section of the ruling party declared a holiday at 7.30 last Friday evening, the third anniversary of the death of Lenin. Canton was unexpectedly without newspapers on Saturday, no previous announcement having been given.

Several members of the Journalists' Union have also protested against making Soviet holidays a part of the Kuomintang calendar, but the refusal of the printers to work has beaten down all opposition.

Death For Highway Robbery.

As a warning against further highway robbery in the streets Canton, General Chien Tsu Chun, Garrison Commissioner, has decided to inflict the death penalty on a prisoner named Yim Cheung, who committed an offence at Yan Tsi Street, last month.

Hotel Workers Call For Assistance.

At the request of the Hotel Workers' Union in Canton, the Kuomintang authorities through the Commissioner of Labour is expected to order the re-opening of all hotels before long. The hotels were closed on account of the servants' strike. (Continued at foot of next column.)

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

SEVERAL CASES HEARD.

"I AM NOT A MAGICIAN."

COMMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE TO CREDITOR.

The Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) sat in Bankruptcy jurisdiction at the Supreme Court on Saturday, when the public examination of the affairs of several Chinese who had filed petitions in bankruptcy was held.

An interesting case was the public examination of Lau Hon Yui, managing partner in the Yau Bing Cheong Kee firm.

Replying to the Official Receiver (Mr. R. L. Agassiz), debtor said that the reason why the stock-book and cash-book were missing was that the landlord had seized the premises. The books had been there in a box before the levying of the distraint and were missing afterwards.

The Official Receiver: It is very curious that these two most important books, the stock-book and the cash-book should be missing.

Debtor: I don't know where they went, or where they are.
Debtor said his firm dealt in peanuts and other oils and that he had been with the firm for eight years. Of the \$11,500 capital, on which it had started debtor had contributed \$500. None of the other partners were now in Hong Kong.

Mr. Agassiz: As the poor man in the firm they have left you to conduct the proceedings?

Debtor: Yes.
Questioned with regard to where \$14,000 which he had raised as mortgage on property left to him by his father some years previously had gone, witness said that he had lost \$7,000 over the Ming Yuen gardens. He had lost in speculation and his family expenses had been high.

Various creditors present expressed dissatisfaction at the non-production of books and the insufficiency of assets.

Chief Justice's Comment.

His Lordship commented: I may have great powers but I am not a magician—I cannot be expected to produce books, neither can I produce assets.

His Lordship added that he did not wonder that the creditors were not satisfied. He was afraid, however, that he could not help them. They were unable to get further than the debtor's statement that the books were lost.

One creditor asked questions with regard to the sale of certain property belonging to debtor, and queried "had it not been resold to debtor's wife?"
It was stated that the sale had been at the instance of the official Receiver.

His Lordship said that he noticed under section 27 of sub-section of the Ordinance powers were given to the Official Receiver in certain instances when applications for discharge for bankruptcy came up. Having regard to the light-hearted way in which some people regarded bankruptcy law it was not difficult to follow why such powers were conferred. He did not say that this particular case came within the section. He mentioned it as a matter of interest.

Revision Refused.

In another case application was made by the Official Receiver for the revision of a receiving order in respect of Ko Loy, trading as the Wing Fung firm.

In this case, His Lordship refused the application.
Mr. Agassiz said that there had been a previous adjournment to give the debtor an opportunity of increasing the assets. The position was that the former acting Official Receiver had informed debtor that if his assets were brought up to \$2,000 he would not oppose a receiving order. The proved debts were \$31,000. He (Mr. Agassiz) said there had been a meeting of creditors at which Mr. el Arculli, on behalf of judgment creditors had suggested the opposition of a receiving order on the grounds of insufficiency of assets. If the receiving order was rescinded (one was made on July 31st last) judgment creditors alone would benefit, but a resolution asking for rescission had been passed.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks (for the debtor) said that since the meeting referred to he had been instructed by a number of creditors with claims exceeding \$15,000 who did not then attend as they thought there was no prospect of getting back dividends. They stated that the resolution had been altered by judgment creditors who thought that by doing so they would get all the available credit. The other creditors intended calling another meeting and hoped that a different resolution would be passed.

Judge's Decision.
His Lordship commented that he thought by refusing the application he would be putting a premium on neglecting to attend meetings. It was difficult enough often to get creditors to attend meetings. If it went out that all creditors had to do if they failed to attend and a resolution that they did not agree

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NEW YEAR PROSPECTS.

LITTLE TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN CANTON.

TRADE DEPRESSION EVERYWHERE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Owing to the forced suspension of a good deal of business on account of labour tyranny, the coming New Year festivities are not being anticipated with much pleasure by merchants generally. The propagandists of the Bolshevik movement in Canton are being instructed to explain that the bad trade is due to crops having been destroyed by unfavourable weather. From their point of view anything is better than the truth which is that misery and suffering have been caused by the labour agitators upsetting trade in all directions.

Many of the Chinese ship-owners engaged in the North, East and West river trade have decided to suspend operations until after the New Year in order to escape paying double protection fees demanded by the pirates and bandits on the ground that the junks at this season of the year always carry more than the usual amount of valuable cargo. As the action of the shippers has been anticipated for some time, however, it is not anticipated that it will lead to much inconvenience.

Telegraphic communication in South China has been slow enough for months past, but it is likely to be still further delayed by recent order of the Canton Administration that political and military messages shall be given preference to all others.

The Kuomintang Press in Canton is again agitating in favour of taking over control of the Chinese Post Office. On two occasions the minor employees have gone on strike but each time the Canton Administration has facilitated an arrangement by paying the difference between the wages allowed by the Peking Government and those demanded by the local workers. Now the Press is asking that the entire Postal system of China should be placed under the control of a purely Chinese staff.

with was passed, was to call another meeting then the Court would never get on.

His Lordship, after further consideration, however, said he would not grant the order for rescission in view of the peculiar facts of the case but it must be clearly understood that he was not creating a precedent by refraining from so doing.

Important Point Decided.

The adjourned application for adjudication of Chik Wah & Co. came up.

His Lordship gave judgment on an important point in this case. He said this was a motion by the Official Receiver, for adjudication of debtor bankrupt on the grounds that no resolution for adjudication had been passed at the first meeting or any subsequent meetings.

From the minutes of the meetings it appeared that a proposal was made by one of the creditors for adjudicating the debtor bankrupt. The resolution was lost by a small majority.

It had therefore been contended by the Official Receiver that the failure to pass the resolution amounted in law to no resolution having been passed and that consequently the Court ought to adjudicate the debtor bankrupt.

His Lordship said that his opinion was that this contention could not be sustained. It amounted to this, that failure to pass a resolution was to have the same effect as an affirmative resolution in favour of adjudication into bankruptcy. That was the intention of the Legislature his Lordship thought that more apt words would have been used in the sub-section. In his Lordship's opinion the intention of the Legislature was that if no steps were taken affirmatively to have the debtor adjudged bankrupt, then adjudication might be made at the order of the Court just as it had power to do so in cases where creditors did not meet at all.

In his Lordship's opinion, the contention of the Official Receiver therefore failed and his motion must be refused.

From Canton To Hong Kong.

Another debtor before the Court was Fung Kang Po. He stated that he had been interested in several Chinese Banks after his arrival in Hong Kong. He had lost money in each.

In answer to a question as to why he left Canton if he was making money at his school-teaching profession, debtor said that there had been trouble and he ran to Hong Kong.

The Official Receiver commented: "It is a very usual procedure."

Mr. J. H. Bell was appointed trustee in respect of the Shun Leong Kee firm's affairs. A receiving order was granted on the application of Mr. Wadson, appearing for John Manners & Co., the petitioning creditors.

THE THEORY OF THEOSOPHY.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ORDER OF THE "STAR OF THE EAST."

INTERESTING TALK BY MR. RAMA RAO.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

There was a large audience at the meeting yesterday evening of the Order of the Star in the East at the local Theosophical Lodge, at Duddell Street.

Mr. Rama Rao, M.A., gave an interesting address in the course of which he said that the great teachers, Buddha, Jesus Christ, Zoroaster, Mohammed and others had come to manifest various aspects of Divine Perfection which is latent in all men. In the past great teachers have always appeared at critical world epochs and looking at the world to-day, conditions are such that it is not unreasonable to expect another such teacher. If one were asked what was the great characteristic of the world we are living in, we might truly say that the amount of human misery, unrest, need and suffering have never been seen before. Hope is almost dead in the hearts of thousands, and the conditions of the world to-day are worse than before the war.

A further sign of the near coming of a world teacher is the birth of a new human race or type, endowed with special physical and psychic characteristics, which has already made its appearance in Australia and America, according to the reports of Anthropologists of the Smithsonian Institute in America. Hitherto, whenever there has been born a new race, it has been given by a Great Teacher its own religion, as a basis for the new civilization it will bring forth.

Star Of The East.

The Order of the Star was founded in 1911, with Mr. J. Krishnamurti, then still of very young age, as its Head. Their Principles are: 1. That a great teacher will soon appear, and we wish so to live now that we may be worthy to know Him when He comes. 2. We shall try to keep Him in our minds always. 3. To devote a portion of each day to work which may help to prepare for His coming. 4. To do good to all.

Four Theosophical Universities. Mr. Rama Rao is a fellow worker with Krishnamurti, and is on his way to California, where he will work in one of the four Theosophical Universities which are going to be established.

Mr. Rama Rao said that the purpose of the educational movement, with which he is connected was to establish four world centres, one in Adyar, Madras, for the East one in Ginn, Holland, for Europe, one in Ojai, California, for the Americans and one in Sydney, for Australasia. It is proposed to hold a camp every year at Ojai in which both Krishnamurti and Mrs. Besant will be present next year.

It is expected that soon the Arya Vihara will become a place of pilgrimage. Up to the present 70 acres of land have been acquired and invested in a corporation representing Krishnamurti, the recognised head of the movement, and steps have been taken for the immediate opening of the school which is to become one of the world universities.

Mr. Rama Rao will deliver another address on Thursday.

SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOOLS.

ANNUAL SPEECH DAY AT LEE GARDEN.

The annual speech day and prize distribution of the Yiu Ting Free School at Shaikwan, and the Yiu Ting Intermediate School at Percival Street, took place yesterday at Lee Garden. There was a large attendance of parents, friends and supporters of the two schools.

These schools, it may be mentioned, are managed by the South China Athletic Association and the Free School at Shaikwan is the recipient of the largest subsidy granted by the Hong Kong Government to local free vernacular schools, and although a small fee is charged at the Shaikwan school, it also receives a monthly grant from the Government.

Amongst those present at yesterday's gathering were: Mr. To Kin Yung (Chairman of the S.C.A.A.), Mr. Teung Yau Ting, Mr. Mok Hing (Chairman of the Education Committee of the Association), and many prominent Chinese merchants.

The annual reports of the two schools were read by Mr. Mok Hing and the prizes were given away by Mr. Teung Yau Ting.

The young folk from the two schools then staged an interesting Chinese play and an exhibition of Chinese fencing and boxing was also given.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above Society will be held on **TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1927, at 5.15 P.M.,** in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
All Ladies and Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are Cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA:—

To receive and pass the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.
To elect Officers and a New Committee for the Current Year.
To fix the Date of the **ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW**, which the Outgoing Committee recommend should be held on **THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, 1927.**
To discuss any matter of interest to Horticulturists in Hong Kong and outlying Districts.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 21st January, 1927. [4468]

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PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927. [4392]

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
4439]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the FORTHCOMING RACES CLOSE on **WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1927, at 5 P.M.,** and must be sent to the SECRETARY, c/o LINSTRAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings on or before This Date.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., c/o THURSDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from **FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, to THURSDAY, 27th JANUARY,** both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927. [4399]

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THE KUOMINTANG AND THE MOB.

We published on Saturday Canton's communiqué regarding the incidents at Hankow not because we believed it gave a true representation of the position there but because we are anxious that the cause of the trouble as it presents itself, or is presented, to the Chinese should be made known as widely as possible. If there was absolute frankness on both sides the problems facing the two countries would not be difficult to solve. Great Britain has repeatedly declared her willingness to meet Nationalist aspirations. Treaties can be revised; arrangements can be made for placing the concessions on a more satisfactory basis; tariff autonomy can be granted. In every detail China's sovereign rights will be respected; she can treat upon a basis of absolute equality. Only upon one point, is Great Britain adamant. She will not be bamboozled, or frightened, into a policy of scuttling owing to the intrigues of outside agencies who are using China as a catapaw.

We are, therefore, not afraid of propaganda, except in so far as it may mislead the ignorant Chinese masses. Speciously presented arguments will not alter the cold logic of facts. We should be prepared to make some allowance for a slight colouring of the earlier reports of the Hankow disturbances, but the ugly truth remains that a mob,

which was not restrained by the Nationalists and could not be held back by a few unarmed marines, did drive the British residents from their homes. It was not a manifestation of anti-foreign feeling but a deliberate attack upon British people. As Canton says, there may be no foundation for the accusation that the incident was engineered by the Government for the purpose of taking the concession. That being so there is no reason why the concession should not have been handed back as soon as "peace and order" were restored. Such an action would have established the *bona fides* of the Kuomintang Party. The broader questions of the rights and wrongs, the advantages and disadvantages of the concession system might have been left to subsequent negotiation. While the Kuomintang remain in possession, as a result of the violence of the mob which it was their first duty to restrain, they occupy a false position and in view of the grave issues at stake it is pitiable that they should endeavour to justify that position by "propaganda."

We have asked more than once that all the cards should be laid upon the table and unless the Kuomintang are engaged in double dealing, backed by those who are supplying money and arms to China in order to serve some ulterior purpose, she would have nothing to fear by the adoption of such a policy. The newspapers at Home are now beginning to write in the same strain. The *Times* thinks it desirable to discover through a British representative on the spot whether mob violence is a permanent feature of the tactics and policy of Chinese nationalism or merely an accident due to war conditions. That is a question we should all like answered. At the present moment the "men on the spot" can only point to the facts and ask the Home Government to judge for themselves. For months

"the mob" or at any rate extremist labour organisations, were allowed to commit all manner of illegalities in Canton. Through the instrumentality of the mob the Hankow concession has been taken over by the Kuomintang leaders on the Yangtze. A few days ago the mob drove the priests and sisters from the Missions at Foochow. There are many foreigners resident in China who submit that the case is not open to argument. They are convinced that the mob, or, at least, the agitators who arouse the mob, are tools in the hands of the Government. If they are right the outlook is extremely grave. Sir ARTHUR STEEL MAITLAND, the Minister of Labour, dealing with this subject in the course of a public speech on Thursday unquestionably gave the official view of the British Cabinet when he said "We do not wish the liberal policy towards China to be deflected by isolated acts of the mob, however regrettable. At the same time if such acts should become general or if they were to be abetted by, or committed by any armed force in China we were absolutely bound to protect British subjects there." If, therefore, the Kuomintang are deliberately using the mob to achieve their purposes, war, or something approaching war, is bound to result. And with what object from China's point of view? "British trade cannot be destroyed without the whole structure of modern China being shaken to its foundation and the country reduced to bankruptcy." Is that the desire of China's patriots? The Kuomintang, if it is the patriotic party it claims to be, may obtain its goal quickly and easily by negotiation. If it is now in league with the agitators it only hope is publicly to disown them and to stop them from doing further mischief.

On Friday one Indian case of enteric fever was reported.

A Chinese was arrested on the *President Pierce* on Friday in possession of 400 rounds of ammunition.

Motor vehicles for removing refuse and for street cleaning are replacing some of the buffalo carts used for this purpose.

Artistic Chinese calendars are to hand from the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., and the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

Bishop Valentin left for Waichow on Friday morning. He will be away for some days, possibly until after the Chinese New Year.

Mr. J. Key of the Government service, returned to the Colony on Friday on the *Kashgar* from London, on expiry of Home leave.

H.E. the Governor has re-appointed *Cavalier J. M. Alves* to be a member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years.

The office of the Principal Civil Medical Officer will be removed from the Government Civil Hospital to the Post Office Building, 3rd Floor, from to-day (Monday).

A hawk was way-laid by highway robbers on the Tin Wan Road on Friday. After trying him to a tree, they stole from him money and property amounting in value to \$48.

Among the passengers who arrived in Hong Kong by the *Kashmir* from the North were Admiral Hsu and Capt. E. W. Morris, the latter being the well-known inter-port cricketer.

A bankruptcy notification states that a first dividend of 25 per cent has been declared in the case of A. Kwei & Co., otherwise known as Yick Cheong Hong, of 18 and 19, Connaught Road Central.

The following have been appointed members of the Pilotage Board of Examiners:—The Deputy Harbour Master (President), an officer of the Royal Navy, Mr. F. S. Adey, Mr. R. D. Thomas and Mr. Lloyd Ray.

Injured in the head through a brick dropping on her from an upper floor, a Chinese woman was removed yesterday to the Government Civil Hospital from Wing Lok Street, where the accident took place.

The Royal Marine's Old Comrades' Association in Hong Kong held a re-union dinner at Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday night. The function, which was of a private nature, proved most enjoyable.

Among the passengers returning to Hong Kong by the P. & O. s.s. *Macadamia*, which leaves London next Friday, are Detective-Inspector A. J. W. Dorrington and Mrs. Dorrington. Inspector Dorrington has been Home on long leave.

The dance and social evening arranged by the Old Boys' Association of the Diocesan School to take place (in the School's great hall) on Saturday night has been postponed till Wednesday night, when it will begin at half-past eight.

Among the passengers leaving Hong Kong by the P. & O. s.s. *Kashmir* on Saturday were Mr. William Hewitt, C.M.C., Capt. D. H. James, Capt. C. G. Ramsay R.N., Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson, Mrs. B. Thompson, and Mr. J. Stewart.

Local baseball followers will learn with regret that Ishimatsu, the clever pitcher of the Japanese Club, has left the Colony for good. He is taking up a new appointment with Sumiki & Co. in whose Hong Kong Office he has been hitherto employed.

A fancy dress ball will be held in the roof garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Chinese New Year's Eve, Tuesday, February 1st. Dress can be in Chinese, "fancy" or "evening." Dinner is at 84 a head. Tables can now be booked at the Hotel lobby.

A competitive examination for the Indian Civil Service, open to all qualified persons, will be held in London on July and August, 1927, and copies of the regulations, syllabus of examination, and forms of application to be filled up by the candidates may be seen at the office of the Colonial Secretary.

Shortly after ten o'clock on Friday night, a young Chinese dressed in European clothes reported at the Central Station that he had been slapped on the face by one of a posse of the Flying Squad in Wellington Street. On the return of the Volunteers from duty, an identification parade was held and investigations are proceeding.

At the Central Magistracy a Chinese clerk pleaded "guilty" when charged before Mr. W. Schofield with forging and uttering a cheque for \$2,480 purporting to bear the signature of Mr. E. Bullock, of the China Navigation Co. His Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour on the first charge and three months' imprisonment on the second, the terms to run concurrently.

Sergeant R. S. R. Swan of the Police was on the *Kashgar* which arrived from London. A leading soccer goalkeeper till a few years ago, he has been spending his holidays at Home.

The students of the Sacred Heart College held yesterday morning a very successful concert, in celebration of the full percentage of passes obtained at the Matriculation of the University of Hong Kong. The event took place at the Tai Yat Theatre, Yaumatei, and there was a large attendance. The theatre was kindly placed at the disposal of the College by Mr. H. W. Ray of the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.

The death is announced of Sanitary Inspector George Gibson, at the age of 43, at Port Said, while returning to the Colony from Home leave. The late Mr. Gibson had been in the Government Service for twenty years. He left London with Mrs. Gibson and their four children on New Year's Eve by the s.s. *Mantua*.

OBITUARY.

SANITARY INSPECTOR G. GIBSON.

Taken ill on the ship, Mr. Gibson was landed at Port Said where he underwent an operation, but did not recover. Meanwhile, his family had continued their return journey to Hong Kong and were at Colombo when the sad news reached them.

On December 13th, 1906, Mr. Gibson joined the Prison Department as a warder. In 1917 he was transferred to the Sanitary Department, becoming First Class Inspector in 1923. He held a certificate in Cantonese.

Prior to joining the Government service, Mr. Gibson was in the Army. In May, 1917 he was seconded for military service and did not return to Hong Kong till August, 1919, nine months after the Armistice.

Last year he went on long leave with his family on the expiry of which he was coming back to duty.

CHINESE Y.W.C.A.

RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS.

A large number of Chinese women and their European friends attended the reception given on Saturday afternoon by the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association at Caine Road to their new members.

Mrs. Ma Ying Pin, wife of the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sincere Companies at Hong Kong, Canton, and Shanghai, presided over the gathering, and Mrs. Yung Ting Shang, Miss Wong Lai King, Miss Fork, Miss Shum, and Miss Shin Tak Hing, acting general secretary of the Y.W.C.A., and others helped in the entertainment.

Miss Shin also gave a short account of the work of the Association.

THE JERVOIS STREET FIRE.

FIREMEN'S FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

In our report on Saturday of the fire which broke out at No. 138, Jervois Street, in a joss paper and cracker factory, reference was made to slight injuries sustained by a European officer and two Chinese firemen through their falling from the top floor, where they had been examining the debris, to the next floor. The name of the European officer was given in our report as Mr. Morrison, whereas it should have read Mr. G. C. Moes, station officer of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade. The Chinese injured were a sub-officer and a driver foreman. They were examining the debris on the top floor, after the fire had been extinguished, following an hour's battle, when the weakened floor gave way, and they fell through being buried in a heap of rubble, etc. They were eventually extricated by other firemen and were found to have received no more injury than slight bruises, for which they were treated at the Government Civil Hospital. The fire entirely gutted No. 138, Jervois Street, but so skilful was the tackling of the fire by the brigade from three different positions, that the adjoining houses were undamaged.

On Friday night there was another call to a fire on the first floor of No. 17, Jubilee Street, where the fire was put out in a short time, and practically no damage caused.

LOCAL WEDDING.

DR. D. K. S. PILLAI AND MISS G. M. CHAN.

The wedding took place at Union Church, Kennedy Road, on Saturday of Dr. D. K. S. Pillai, and Miss Gertrude May Chan.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Yuen Shui.

The bridegroom, who is the son of Dr. D. S. Pillai, studied at Hong Kong University a few years ago and obtained his M.B. and B.S. degrees. Dr. Pillai is now on the staff of the Government Civil Hospital.

The Rev. J. Kirk Machonachie officiated.

The bride, who was given away by Dr. D. J. Valentine, of the Government Civil Hospital, wore a white and silver dress, and carried a beautiful tea rose bouquet. Dr. L. S. Gudar was the best man and Miss Violet Chan bridesmaid. She wore a dress of gold and carried a similar bouquet to the bride.

Following the marriage ceremony, a reception was held at the Savoy Hotel.

The honeymoon is being spent in Shanghai, and the bride's going away costume was a gown of pink and silver.

SPEECH DAY AT THE Y.M.C.A. SCHOOL.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Mr. J. D. Bush, a new member of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and a former professor at Peking Government University, presented the certificates and prizes at the speech day of the Y.M.C.A. Day School on Saturday evening.

Mr. Huang Hsin Chao, a member of the Association's Educational Committee, presided.

Mr. Chang King Soong, director of the School, presented the report on the School's activities and explained that the teachers gave each year a prize for good conduct and for the most useful service performed by a student on behalf of his fellow students. This award goes to Chao Tso-Chung for the second year in succession. The prize is given on the result of a student's vote so that the winner has to be popular among his fellows in addition to gaining distinction in games and in the class room.

The singing of the Republican anthem ended the formal programme which was followed by an entertainment by the students.

TO-MORROW'S RECITAL.

MR. ORE'S ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

PIANO, VIOLIN AND VOCAL SELECTIONS.

A very attractive programme has been arranged for the recital to be given by Mr. Harry Ore at the City Hall to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. In addition to the pianoforte contributions by Mr. Ore, there will also be violin numbers by Mr. C. de la Cruz, and vocal items by Mr. Li Chor Chi (well-known local baritone).

The programme is as follows:—

- Part I.**
1—(a) Gavotte Varice Rameau.
(b) Bagatelle Beethoven.
(c) Turkish March Mozart.
Mr. H. Ore (Piano).
2—(a) "J'ai perdu mon Eurydice" from "Orpheus" Gluck.
(b) "Strophes de les Filles des Eaux" from "Oberon" Weber.
Mr. Li Chor Chi (Baritone).
3—Symphonic Etudes Schumann.
Mr. H. Ore.
4—Fantasy "Faust" Gounod-Wieniavsky.
Mr. C. de la Cruz (Violin).
Part II.
5—(a) Autumn Song Tchaikovsky.
(b) The Snow is Dancing Debussy.
(c) Prelude in Old Style Greig.
Mr. H. Ore.
6—(a) Ave Maria Schubert.
(b) Psycho Paladine.
Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano).
7—(a) Nocturne for the left hand Scriabin.
(b) Valse on the name E.D.D.A. H. Ore.
(c) Polonaise in A flat major Chopin.
Mr. H. Ore.

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

HANKOW BRITISH MERCHANTS TO RESUME BUSINESS TO-DAY.

A TEST OF CONFIDENCE IN THE CHINESE.

BRITISH OFFICIALS AGAIN EMPHASISE PRECAUTIONARY NATURE OF PRESENT POLICY.

The news is to hand that the British merchants at Hankow have decided, after consultation with Mr. O'Malley, to resume business. This step is regarded as being in the nature of a test of the Chinese attitude towards the British.

The statement published in Saturday's evening papers (and said to have been communicated in a "private telegram") to the effect that "1,000 British and American men had evacuated from Hankow" proves to have had no foundation in fact, as the telegram upon which the above paragraph is based clearly demonstrates.

High officials at Home continue to emphasise that the naval and military policy at present in operation is entirely of a precautionary nature and is in no way intended as being being aggressive.

News from Siangtan, Hunan, is to the effect that there has been a recurrence of anti-British animosity. A "huge parade" took place, culminating in the mob setting fire to oil and other property belonging to the Asiatic Petroleum Co. There was also much anti-Christian agitation manifested, chapels being commandeered, pictures stripped from their walls and quantities of bibles and tracts torn or burned.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH CONFIDENCE IN THE CHINESE.

HANKOW MERCHANTS' RESUME BUSINESS TO-DAY.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 23rd. A Hankow telegram, dated the 21st instant, states that the British Chamber of Commerce announces: "British banks, shipping companies, and merchants, members of this Chamber, have decided to resume business on Monday the 24th instant and continue open as usual so long as, in their opinion, the conditions permit of their so doing in security."

This decision was reached at a special meeting of the heads of British firms late to-night after consultation with Mr. O'Malley. It is felt that this gesture of confidence in the Chinese will assist in creating an atmosphere favourable to a successful conclusion of the negotiations with regard to the Concession, which has now been initiated and that it will be up to the Chinese to show that the confidence has not been misplaced.

THE HANKOW DISCUSSIONS.

NO FRESH DEVELOPMENT.

HANKOW, Jan. 22nd. Reuter learns that there has been no development in the conversations between Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Chen, which are proceeding with normal slowness. A number of telegrams to Mr. O'Malley and Sir Miles Lampson appear to have been delayed, the impression being that they are being held up.

ANTI-BRITISH PARADE IN HUNAN.

A.P.C. PROPERTY SET AFIRE.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN OUTBURST.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22nd. A telegram from Hankow, dated January 21st, states that a report from Siangtan, Hunan, states that a huge anti-British parade took place on January 18th. A bridge of boats was thrown across the river and the whole crowd marched over. They proceeded to set fire to the A.P.C. installation where 2,000 tons of oil were stored. The ensuing conflagration is believed to have destroyed the Company's buildings. There is much anti-Christian agitation in the same part of the province, where many chapels have been commandeered and stripped of pictures and furniture, while quantities of bibles and tracts were burnt or torn up.

BRITISH POLICY.

"CONTINUOUS AND CONSISTENT"

LONDON, January 22nd. Yesterday evening's Foreign Office communiqué indicates that there has been no change in the position, and it is merely meant to show that British policy is continuous and consistent.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

"DISHEARTENING IGNORANCE AND MISUNDERSTANDING" IN ENGLAND.

PROF. SOOTHILL TRIES TO ENLIGHTEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 23rd. Professor Soothill has written an article to the *Sunday Times* on the work done in and for China by British effort "in view," as he puts it, "of the disheartening ignorance and misunderstanding existing among the people of Britain" thereabout. The Professor, firstly, pays a tribute to the enterprise and honour of British traders, whose development of Chinese foreign commerce has been more valuable to the Chinese worker and merchant than any other interests. He points out that there would have been no proletariat for Bordin to mislead and incite but for the British, because it is around British-made Treaty Ports that the proletariat have gathered, glad to be able to earn an even meagre living than to starve elsewhere.

Professor Soothill shows that ample benefits have been conferred not only by British commerce in China but by the British introduction of communications. He cites as "conspicuously honest" the services rendered by the Maritime Customs, particularly in connection with the charting of coasts and similar works and the wonderful postal service.

[The Rev. W. E. Soothill, M.A., F.R.G.S., is Professor of Chinese at Oxford University. He was for many years engaged in missionary work in China and was President of the Imperial University of Shanghai from 1907 to 1911. He was awarded the Chinese decorations of 2nd rank of the Red Button and 3rd rank order of Wenhu. He is held in high esteem by the Chinese, and has published numerous books on Chinese literature and institutions.]

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

MESSAGES OF COMRADESHIP ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 22nd. The extension of the trans-Atlantic telephony to the English provincial towns within a limited radius of London was inaugurated by an exchange of messages, breathing a spirit of comradeship, between President Lowell, of Harvard University and the Rev. G. A. Weekes, vice-chancellor of Cambridge University.

MEXICO AND U.S.A.

A SUBMISSION TO ARBITRATION.

MEXICO CITY, January 21st. The Foreign Office has issued a written statement agreeing in principle to the American-Mexican differences being submitted to arbitration.

Appeal By President Coolidge.

WASHINGTON, January 22nd. The White House has issued a further appeal from President Coolidge to the American people to stand behind the Government in the Mexican controversy, asserting that the only question at issue between the two governments is whether American property is to be taken from its owners without compensation.

If this could be settled there would be no further trouble.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LIVERPOOL'S DOCKS.

NOW THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

LIVERPOOL, January 22nd. The first public inspection took place yesterday of the Gladstone Dock system at Liverpool, which is one of the modern triumphs of engineering.

Early in February the waters of the Mersey will be admitted, and it is expected that by June or July next, everything will be ready for an opening ceremony as distinguished as the occasion demands.

The docks will be the largest in the world. They will accommodate the biggest ships afloat and the largest that are likely to be built for many years to come. They will, moreover, be deep enough to enable the biggest ships to go in and out on every single tide of the year, while vessels having a draught of 28 feet will be able to go in and out at any time of the day or night except for a very short period on each side of low water during the spring tides.

UNPRECEDENTED FLOODS IN MALAYA.

RIVER RISES ABNORMALLY: HOUSES AND SHOPS SWEEP AWAY.

PUBLIC RELIEF FUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINGAPORE, Jan. 22nd. The unprecedented floods which recently overspread Malaya, causing much damage to property, have now subsided. Communications have been restored to most parts. The river rose to 70 feet in the East Coast States and swept away houses and shops, but there were surprisingly few casualties. The Government housed and fed the numerous refugees from the afflicted areas. The Public Relief Fund has been liberally subscribed, and is being utilized for the construction of temporary dwellings and the re-employment of the unemployed.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROYAL TOUR.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK IN JAMAICA.

ROYAL, January 22nd. The stay of the Duke and Duchess of York in Jamaica is being fully occupied with the sight-seeing and social functions.

Yesterday their Royal Highnesses visited Spanish Town, the old capital, where they held a reception.

The inhabitants, many of them of Spanish descent, gave them a welcome Southern in its cordiality.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

American Escort.

ROYAL, January 22nd. It is announced from Washington that the United States' warship *Arkansas* is going to the Panama Canal from Cuba to take part in the reception of the *Renown* on her arrival there.

It is expected that on January 24th the *Arkansas* will escort the *Renown* into Colon harbour.

THE "NING HAI" ASSAULT CASE.

QUARTERMASTER'S ALLEGED ASSAULT ON OFFICER.

CHINESE GUILD INTERVENES.

Further evidence was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning, in the case in which the second officer of the s.s. *Ning Hai*, Mr. Kirkpatrick, was summoned for assault by a Chinese quartermaster. The complainant was also cross-examined by Mr. Kirkpatrick and counter-summoned by the Master Capt. J. W. Tinson, for the sake of discipline.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy represented the Quartermaster, and Mr. M. M. Watson appeared for Capt. Tinson and Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Refused To Go On An Errand.

Capt. Tinson, in the witness box said that on January 9th, at about midnight while the ship was at Canton, the Quartermaster went to witness's cabin and said that the second mate wanted to fight him (the Quartermaster). The second officer complained that the Quartermaster refused to go on an errand.

Capt. Tinson said that owing to the lateness of the hour, he did not investigate the matter.

Used Obscene Language.

The next morning, Capt. Tinson said that the Quartermaster was absent from his place of duty and when asked for an explanation used obscene language to the second mate.

The Quartermaster's version of the story was that he was asked by Mr. Kirkpatrick at a very late hour to go on an errand, and he refused, whereupon the second mate struck him in the face.

Continuing, Capt. Tinson said that he told the Quartermaster that he (Capt. Tinson) did not believe him, and as he appeared to be a source of trouble, witness would transfer him to another B. & S. steamer at the first opportunity.

On the following Sunday when the ship was at Taikoo Dock, the Quartermaster again complained to Capt. Tinson and said that the second mate "Make plenty trouble last day. I wantee leave ship." Capt. Tinson investigating the matter learnt that a scuffle had taken place between Mr. Kirkpatrick and the Quartermaster, in the course of which the Quartermaster had struck the second mate with a wooden stool. Capt. Tinson said he found "bruises" on Mr. Kirkpatrick's left shoulder and an abrasion on his left forearm.

Obscene "Guilt" Intervenes.

Capt. Tinson then gave the Quartermaster the option of either leaving the ship in a peaceful manner, or being brought before the Harbour master. The Quartermaster said he would leave, and Capt. Tinson made arrangements to sign him off at the Shipping Office the next morning. In the meantime, (Continued on next column).

TERRIBLE U.S. CHARABANC TRAGEDY.

DISASTER AT A RAILWAY CROSSING.

11 LADS KILLED: 11 SERIOUSLY INJURED.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

ROUND ROCKS, Texas, Jan. 23rd. Baylor University basketball team, while travelling in a charabanc to Austin to play Texas University, the driver ran towards a railway crossing as a train arrived. He swerved on the track and tried to race the train so as to avert a collision, but the train hit the bus.

Eleven of the basket ballers were killed and 11 seriously injured.

MEXICAN OIL LAW.

MEXICAN DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND RECALCITRANT COMPANIES.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Mexico City, Jan. 23rd.

The Department of Industry states that all but 22 out of 147 oil companies operating in Mexico have adopted the new Petroleum Oil Law, and the hopes of the resistance of the 22 will gradually disappear.

the Quartermaster had reported the matter to his Guild, and when Capt. Tinson arrived at the Shipping Office, he was not allowed to sign the Quartermaster off, as the Shipping master had already received a complaint from the Guild. Seeing that matters had gone to that extent, Capt. Tinson said that he asked for the log book in order to make an entry against the quartermaster, but even this he was not allowed to do.

Capt. Tinson then went to the Harbourmaster with the Quartermaster, Mr. Kirkpatrick, the Shipping master and a delegate from the Guild. The Harbourmaster after having heard both sides of the story, advised that the matter be taken before a civil court.

Compassion On A Cripple.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, Capt. Tinson said that he was sure that the second mate would not have struck the complainant first. Mr. Kirkpatrick, he said, was trained under rigid discipline in the Navy.

Mr. Fitzroy:—Why did you not make an entry of the incident in your log book?

Capt. Tinson:—The log book was kept at the Shipping Office.

Mr. Fitzroy:—Have you not a scrap log book on the ship?

Capt. Tinson:—Yes, but the scrap log book is for the working of the ship only.

Mr. Fitzroy:—According to your evidence and the evidence given by Mr. Kirkpatrick, the charge against the Quartermaster amounted to unprovoked-mutinous assault, then, isn't it rather unusual for you not to have logged him right away?

Capt. Tinson:—The reason why I did not do so, was because I had compassion on him. He is a cripple and if I had brought him before the Harbour master, it would have been difficult for him to get a job again.

Troublesome Quartermaster.

In answer to the Court, Capt. Tinson said that he first came to know the Quartermaster two years ago. Witness was skipper on the *Chickadee* then, and he had to discharge the Quartermaster for insolence and negligence.

The Quartermaster had been on the *Ning Hai* since April last.

His Worship:—What sort of a man is the second officer, does he muddle about with the crew?

Capt. Tinson:—No, the rest of the Chinese crew seem to get along very well with him.

First Mate's Evidence.

Mr. James Kelvey, Chief Officer of the *Ning Hai*, gave corroborative evidence. When he heard Mr. Kirkpatrick calling for assistance, he rushed out and saw the combatants were locked in each other's arms. The Quartermaster had a stool in his hand, which he (Mr. Kelvey) took away and flung across the deck. He separated them and ordered the Quartermaster back to his cabin.

Plenty Hot Inside.

On nearing the gangway, the Quartermaster fell. Mr. Kelvey said that he suspected the Quartermaster of attempting to take him to his own cabin. Mr. Kelvey said he examined the Quartermaster and found no bruises. He asked the man, why he was behaving like that and the complainant replied that he was "plenty hot inside."

This concluded the case, and after both Mr. Fitzroy and Mr. Watson had addressed the court at some length, His Worship said that he would hand down his decision this morning.

CATALAN CONSPIRACY.

END OF A FAMOUS TRIAL.

MILD SENTENCES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Jan. 23rd. The Catalan Conspiracy Trial has ended. Macia, Ricciotti, and Garibaldi were each sentenced to two months' imprisonment and fined 100 francs. The other accused, who are all Catalans, except the Italian Rizzoli, were sentenced to a month and fined 50 francs. The accused were ordered to pay the cost of the trial, and the arms found in their possession were confiscated.

The trial throughout was highly theatrical, punctuated by vehement accusations and heated denials. Garibaldi repeatedly professed innocence. The Court was packed to-day. The Catalan plot itself was barely mentioned, but the Prosecutor dealt with the illegal possession of arms and said that Macia, by hatching such a mad adventure in France, had risked embroiling France with a neighbouring country.

The Tribunal, in passing judgment, declared that Garibaldi's complicity in the Catalan plot, was not established and, therefore, found him "Not Guilty," but as the charge of possessing arms had been proved against all the accused, they were sentenced under that charge.

SUBTERRANEAN BEARINGS.

FRENCH ENGINEER'S INVENTION.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PARIS, Jan. 23rd. The *Petit Parisien* announces that a French engineer, named M. Dubourg, has invented an electric apparatus which enables the detection, without digging, of the exact place of all subterranean bearings.

BACHELORS' GAY.

ANNUAL DANCE AT CRAIGEN-GOWER C.C.

HEARTS AND CUPIDS ARROW.

The bachelors of the Craigen Gower Cricket Club are noted for their generous hospitality on the occasion of the Annual Bachelor Members' Dance and there is no function at the C.C. in Happy Valley, during the winter season that is more keenly anticipated.

The bachelors upheld their traditions on Saturday night, and there were no fewer than 450 people present, the majority being married couples, who on such an occasion as this are the guests of the bachelors.

The ball-room was a blaze of colour, the basis of the decorations being the Club's colours, green and yellow, in streamers and chains.

Cupid's Arrow.

Underneath the centre light was suspended a large arrow, which had been so constructed that it presented a heart from which ever angle it was seen. Around it hung twelve small hearts, and in red undecorated another large heart, pierced with Cupid's arrow.

The twelve hearts were the names of the most eligible bachelors, these names including those of the Committee.

"The Bachelors' Gay" sported a "bachelor's button" in the laps of their evening coats, the button being covered with the Club's colours.

The dance, needless to say, proved a very gay affair. Despite the large company, everyone managed to find the floor pretty frequently, and while some were dancing others availed themselves of refreshment and supper.

Dancing began at 9 p.m., and the function finally wound up at 5 a.m. yesterday. The music was by the popular "Semrah" band (H.M.S. *Hermes* dance orchestra).

Supper was served in a decorated billiard-room and on account of the number present, there were several sittings, service continuing from midnight to 3 a.m. about 90 being accommodated at a time.

During the evening a happy and fitting speech was made by the Bachelors' President, Mr. P. A. Dixon.

"Lucky" Number.

Each lady guest was given a numbered ticket on arrival. Later three prizes were awarded to the holders of the "lucky" numbers. The most popular prize, the awarding of which provided much amusement, was won by Mrs. Allison. It consisted of a pair of garters, which were duly fitted on in full view of the assembly by Mr. P. A. Dixon (President) and Mr. R. Bass (Secretary).

The Committee.

A word of praise is due to the Committee. They worked very hard prior to and during the dance, and thanks to their efforts everything went without a hitch.

The committee responsible for the arrangements, all bachelors, were as under:—

President:—P. A. Dixon.

Reception Committee:—C. Greenwood and J. Moss.

Supper Committee:—F. E. Blundell, D. Clow and W. Ward.

Bar Committee:—W. Allen, R. W. Lee, W. B. Musket and O. J. Noronha.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—R. Bass.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL SIR CHARLES WARREN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 23rd. The death is announced of General Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., R.E., F.R.S., Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

(General Sir Charles Warren, born in 1840, held many important military posts. In 1888-89 he was Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police and from 1889 till 1894 he was the G.O.C. in the Straits Settlements. He was the author of many publications on military and scientific subjects.)

VICE-ADMIRAL FITZ MAURICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CARLOW, January 23rd.

The death is announced of Vice-Admiral Fitz Maurice.

[Vice-Admiral Maurice Swynfen Fitz Maurice, C.B., C.M.G., who had been Commander-in-Chief of the Africa Station since 1894, was born in 1870. He served in the Boer War and European War. He was Senior Officer on the Yangtze and captain of the *Triumph* in 1914, until torpedoed and sunk in May, 1915. He had also held several other important naval posts in various parts of the world.]

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR L. POWER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 22nd.

The death is announced of Admiral Sir Laurence Power.

[Vice-Admiral Sir Laurence Eliot Power, R.N., K.C.B., A.D.C., to the King in 1915, was Director of Dockyards from 1917 to 1923. He entered the Royal Navy in 1879 and retired in 1920. He was Master of the Fleet in the King Edward VII. Review of the Fleet off Cowes in 1907.]

THE SILENT THEATRE.

THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

Olga, a shingled American ballet dancer, plus dimple, though unknown, gets through the influence of a banker the post of premiere danseuse at the Russian Imperial Ballet. Unfortunately for the banker's sons, the Grand Duke also wants to cast himself as villain with regard to the shingled one. Meanwhile the cadet hero, Alexei, who has got a cousin in the Imperial guards, has met and fallen in love with Olga. His elder brother having been arrested as a revolutionary, Olga buys his pardon, unknown to her lover, at the price of a dinner with the Grand Duke, whom Alexei, on being called in to conduct the lady home, like a true stage hero knocks down without waiting for any explanation, and is consequently condemned to death.

Here is a chance for the banker who entraps Olga on board his yacht by a story that he is helping Alexei to escape which she innocently believes—surely young ladies with ambitions to the ranks of the Imperial Ballet ought to be taught not to be so simple!

All this is very pretty but the denouement strains our credulity even more. During the usual disgusting exhibition which film producers seem to delight in, but which it is to be hoped that audiences do not, on board the yacht, the repentant Grand Duke, who has been told of Olga's abduction, orders his "fastest destroyer" and goes personally to hold up the villain.

They arrive just in time to see Alexei fall—no, he hasn't been shot—he has only fainted.

It was not the thought of death but of dishonour, the caption assures us.

There is a touching scene in which Olga tells him about the purchase price and the Grand Duke joining their hands informs Alexei that the "blow you gave me is pardonable—not so your suspicion of this innocent girl!"—and leaves the lovers for the "close up" kiss.

There is no more to say except that the photography and acting are worthy of a better time, also that there is nothing harmful in the story, certainly not, it's all in the best Lyceum tradition, and every night in the house was taken last night.

This Week's Films: From Bagdad To The Arctic.

On Thursday there is a Rudolph Valentino film "A Sainted Devil" which, with its gorgeous Spanish setting, gives the "great love" ample opportunity to show his talents. "Lorraine of the Lions" which drew crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre is now showing in Kew and will be followed on Tuesday, 25th, by "The Strangers Banquet" which has the Los Angeles shipyard for a setting. On Thursday, 27th, is "The Denial" the scene of which is New York in the days before motor-cars—which sounds almost incredible for an American film.

At the World on Tuesday and Wednesday, there is the "Thief of Bagdad" with Douglas Fairbanks as a charming rogue. Thursday transports us in "Lost and Found" to the South Seas and on Sunday you may see the snows of the north in "The Eternal Struggle."

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TOTOBI MARU ... Saturday, 26th Jan.

AWA MARU ... Thursday, 9th Feb.

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SATURDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS CONSIDERABLY DECREASED.

THROUGH CARGOES NORMAL.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday, the returns showed that only 3,478 tons of general merchandise had entered the Colony, of which 1,200 tons were brought by one British steamer, the s.s. "Perseus" from Glasgow and Singapore.

Through freights were normal. The total amount manifested on the 7 vessels out of the 13 arrivals, was 17,351 tons. The s.s. "Perseus" contributed 6,900 tons and the French steamer "Yalou" was responsible for 2,341 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:—British, 3 arrivals and 6 departures; French, 2 arrivals and 1 departure; Norwegian, 1 arrival; Japanese, 1 arrival and 3 departures; Chinese, 3 arrivals and 3 departures; American, 1 departure; Dutch, 1 departure.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Two passengers were drowned as a result of a collision between a junk and a steam-launch near Canton last week.

The Chinese steamer "Pharang" arriving from Hoikow on Saturday brought 223 live pigs and 94 bullocks.

Deck passengers entering Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday numbered 60.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Captain S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25th.

The E. & A. s.s. "Arafura" left Moji for this port on the 21st inst., and is due here on the 28th inst. at about daylight. She will bring for Manila, Sandakan, Ipoh, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne on or about Friday, the 28th inst., at 4 p.m.

The B.I. and Apcar s.s. "Taima" left Singapore for this port on the morning of the 21st inst., and is due to arrive here on the 28th inst., at about 7 a.m.

The Blue Funnel liners "Lycaon" and "Hector" arrived at London on January 17th and 19th respectively. The Blue Funnel liner "Dionaea" arrived at Liverpool on January 14th.

The Blue Funnel Line s.s. "Talthyphus" arrived at Vancouver on January 13th.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued from the Royal Observatory at 5.10 o'clock, stated:—

There is little change in the anticyclonic conditions prevailing over the area and strong monsoon will continue along the S.E. coast and over the Northern China sea. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Achilles (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 1st.

Adriatic (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 15th.

Arafura (E. & A.), due January 26th, about daylight.

Benlawers (Ben Line), due January 28th.

D'Arignani, due February 1st.

Mentor (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 4th.

Meriones (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 17th.

Nanking (Swedish East Asiatic), due January 31st.

Petroclius (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 2nd.

President Jackson, due January 28th.

President Pierce, due January 28th.

Rhezenor (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 27th.

Taima (E. & A.), due January 26th.

Tanda, due February 7th.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Jan. 23rd.

Previous Day at 3 p.m.

On Jan. 23rd at 6 a.m.

On Jan. 23rd at 3 p.m.

Barometer ... 30.14

Thermometer ... 30.15

Humidity ... 30.19

Wind ... 30.19

Direction ... 30.19

Force ... 30.19

Weather ... 30.19

Rain ... 30.19

Highest open-air Temperature, 23rd: 47

Lowest open-air Temperature, 23rd: 47

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 14th to 30th, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week. Date. Time. Height. Time. Height.

Mon. 24. 10.14. 5.8. 7.51. 2.0.

Tues. 25. 10.32. 4.4. 6.57. 2.8.

Wed. 26. 11.11. 4.7. 8.33. 3.9.

Thurs. 27. 11.38. 4.3. 9.10. 3.7.

Fri. 28. 12.04. 4.0. 9.49. 3.1.

Sat. 29. 12.37. 3.9. 10.23. 3.3.

Sun. 30. 1.04. 3.9. 1.49. 1.8.

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s.s. "YALOU" ... 15th March.

s.s. "YALOU" due to arrive from DUNKIRK, LONDON, HAVRE about the 21st January.

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PORTHOS ... 15th Mar.

PAUL LECAT ... 29th Mar.

O. METZINGER ... 12th April.

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